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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: POSSIBILITY OF US-MALAYSIA TALKS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES BY GOM REGARDING
FUTURE POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT
SUCH A REQUEST WOULD CAUSE USG NO PROBLEM AND THAT, IN
FACT, SUCH CONSULTATIONS ARE CLEARLY PROVIDED FOR BY THE
CURRENT AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. ONLY QUESTION WOULD BE
TIMING. EMBASSY CAN ALSO BE ASSURED THAT USG WOULD APPROACH
CONSULTATIONS IN POSITIVE MANNER.

2. FOR EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND ONLY. IN VIEW OF PAN AM'S
CURRENT SERVICE TO KUALA LUMPUR AND FLYING TIGER'S FUTURE
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PLANS, USG WOULD PROBABLY CONSIDER FAVORABLY REASONABLE
ROUTE REQUEST BY GOM. HOWEVER, WITH RECENT CONCLUSION OF
LIBERAL AGREEMENT WITH SINGAPORE, RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF
KUALA LUMPUR AS TRAFFIC POINT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAS BEEN
REDUCED. FURTHERMORE, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT USG COULD NOT BE

MORE RESPONSIVE TO MALAYSIA THAN IT WAS TO SINGAPORE.
DEPT. HAS CABLED STATE 63476 TO EMBASSY WHICH SETS FORTH
GENERAL US POLICY FOR CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANS-
PORTATION NEGOTIATIONS. MALAYSIA'S ACCEPTANCE OF LOWER
FARES, LIBERAL CHARTER RULES AND OPERATION FLEXIBILITY
BY AIRLINES REGARDING E.G., TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AND FREQUENCY
OF SERVICE WILL BE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS IN ANY FUTURE
NEGOTIATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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